

The New BLM Striking a Better Balance in 1992

A Meeting With Director Cy Jamison

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Editor's note: Since Cy Jamison became director in 1989, things have been changing at the BLM. Whether the subject of praise or criticism, the agency has been in the forefront during the past three and a half years as it moved toward a new focus—a better balance in its multiple-use mission.

To get a picture of this "New BLM," and the director's priorities for 1992, staff of Inside Track recently met with Jamison. The following is a brief summary of that discussion.

When Cy Jamison took the helm in 1989, he wasted no time in developing new partnerships and strategies to address a number of the controversial issues fast emerging in the new decade. Environmental responsibility and stewardship were a high priority on the national agenda and quickly became a prime focus in the BLM as well.

"We took the appropriate response and refined our mission," said Jamison. "Management of the public lands continues to be based on multiple use benefits and a sustained yield of natural resources, but within a framework calling for greater environmental sensitivity. We have paid particular attention to programs dealing with riparian ecosystems, fish and wildlife habitat, and cultural resources protection," he said. "The next step is to maintain our more traditional responsibilities vital to local economies."

Jamison points to the northern spotted owl as an example of the challenge and controversy inherent in the BLM's mission which calls for balancing competing interests and uses. In response to the federal listing of the owl in 1990, the BLM expanded its staff and gathered even more

biological and scientific data on the species and its habitat. And in 1991, Jamison petitioned for the exemption process under the Endangered Species Act to allow 44 specific timber sales to proceed, an attempt to address the economic concerns of timber-dependent communities surrounding owl habitat. "We need to balance their interests with conservation of the owl," he said. "It's a very complicated situation which will not be resolved anytime soon. We need to address this but we also need to focus on other priorities too."

Jamison sees the rangeland program as a top priority of 1992. "We need to eliminate the backlog in rangeland maintenance," he said. "We have a ways to go on this, but Wyoming and Montana are excellent examples of what can be done." He noted that the BLM and the National Public Lands Advisory Council have invited outside experts to participate in making recommendations to guide rangeland management into the next century.

"I also want to restore an emphasis on our energy and minerals programs next year. Our folks in Nevada have done a tremendous job in mineral materials sales, and last year we met



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our commitment to Congress, inspecting every oil and gas well on Indian lands." Jamison noted that major initiatives have recently been implemented to ensure protection of the surface environment affected by mining operations, such as a national cyanide management policy, a revised bonding policy, and a review of the 5-acre threshold policy.

"We still need to address the illegal occupancy issue, and the issue of stealing from the public lands. This is a real problem—from sand and gravel to cultural resources. It's got to stop."

Efforts to boost the economy and promote stability in the domestic oil industry with minimal environmental impacts will also be a priority in 1992, Jamison said, noting that the BLM is currently working on a rulemaking that would allow for a reduced royalty rate for stripper wells. "This is a win for everyone," he said. "We increase production, create jobs, and do so with minimal environmental impact."

Other priorities for 1992 according to Jamison are management of the Wild Horse and Burro Program (see related article this issue) and to continue the high visibility established in recent initiatives such as the Riparian Initiative, Recreation 2000 and Fish and Wildlife 2000. "The BLM will continue to play a key supporting role

in the Interior Department's stewardship and recreation programs," Jamison said.

He added that the BLM recently has made a long-term commitment to a major new program supporting the President's America 2000 Education Initiative and the Secretary's stewardship agenda. Called Heritage Education, the program for school aged children is a component of "Adventures in the Past" which promotes appreciation for America's cultural heritage. In 1992, the BLM will launch Heritage Education, which will strengthen children's science skills while instilling in them an appreciation for their country's vast archaeological resources.

On internal priorities, Jamison mentioned that he wants to get the Automated Land and Minerals Record System (ALMRS) on track. When finished, the system will computerize over one billion geographical, topographical, and legal records for the 570 million acres of surface and subsurface land that BLM manages nationwide. A prototype is being developed and is expected to be ready in October 1992.

He also places development of a new international affairs program on top of the list. In recent years, the BLM has been a cooperative partner in scientific exchanges with Canada and Mexico. "In 1992, we hope to expand these kinds of activities and develop a coordinated, well-focused international affairs program. We have some special areas of expertise—such as fire management, arid land management, and lands records administration—that we're anxious to share," Jamison said.

And to increase communication within the BLM, Jamison is calling for a "major managers meeting," which will pull together all area managers, district managers, associate state directors and state directors. "I don't think this has ever been done before," says Jamison. He anticipates this occurring early in 1993.

"BLM employees have a lot to be proud of and a lot to look forward to," said Jamison in closing, mentioning that a better fitting uniform and a new hat are in the future. But more importantly, he says, with the proposed reorganization, "There will be more job opportunities in the field than ever anticipated," advising BLM employees to hang in there, and keep up the good work.

GOALS FOR 1992

External

Range Program—"eliminate the maintenance backlog"

Wild Horse and Burro—"get the population boom under control"

Energy and Minerals—"wrap up our regulations"

Budget—"keep the momentum"

Recreation—"maintain a high profile"

Education—"become the expert in cultural resource education"

Internal

Hazardous Materials—"continue to shift program to the field"

ALMRS—"get on track"

International Affairs—"develop a coordinated program"

Human Resources and Workforce Diversity—"Let's move forward"

Major Managers Meeting—"It's never been done before"

Lands Withdrawals—"Go after the withdrawal process with Bu Rec" ■



"We have a lot to be proud of."

BLM Completes 15-Year Wilderness Studies

Secretary Recommends 9.7 Million Acres for Designation

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Drawing on the results of a 15-year wilderness study conducted by the BLM, Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan has recommended federal wilderness designation for nearly 10 million acres of BLM public lands. The Secretary completed the process in January, when he sent to the White House his acreage recommendations for Utah, Nevada and Colorado.

Last October, Lujan proposed BLM wilderness designations for five other Western states—Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, Oregon and Wyoming. He made his recommendation for California in June 1991, and a bill reflecting the Bush Administration's position was introduced the next month by U.S. Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif.

Based on the BLM's study of more than 22 million acres of potential wilderness, Lujan has proposed that 9,720,490 acres of BLM land in 328 units be set aside as federally protected wilderness. Under the landmark 1964 Wilderness Act passed by Congress, wilderness is defined as an area "untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

The wilderness system was created by Congress in the 1964 law, which called on the National Park Service, the Forest Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service to study potential wilderness areas. The BLM was first mandated to preserve wilderness in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Lujan's proposal would expand the 95-million-acre National Wilderness Preservation System by more than 10 percent. The Secretary's proposal would also release 13,166,476 acres of BLM land from wilderness study for multiple uses. The final recommendations are 95,920 acres, or only about 1 percent, less than what was originally recommended by the BLM.

Specifically, the Secretary has recommended the following amounts of BLM land to be designated as wilderness:

STATES	ACRES
Arizona	59,118
California	2,263,839
Colorado	395,792
Idaho	972,239
Montana	173,499
Nevada	1,892,041
New Mexico	487,186
Oregon	1,278,073
Utah	1,958,339
Wyoming	240,364

The amount of acreage proposed for Arizona reflects the fact that Congress passed the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act in 1990, which designated 1.2 million acres of BLM land as wilderness. That left only two small BLM wilderness study areas in Arizona for further study.

Oregon state wilderness coordinator Dave Harmon, who has been involved from the start in BLM's state-level wilderness work, said he views the completion of the state studies as "the biggest accomplishment of my career."

Harmon, who joined the agency in 1977, noted with pride that the BLM had just finished "the world's largest wilderness inventory and study."

While pleased that the state studies are finished, Harmon pointed out that the work on BLM wilderness is far from done. First, he noted, each affected state's Congressional delegation and the Congress as a whole must determine the final form of the BLM wilderness legislation. Then the BLM must manage and protect the Congressionally designated wilderness "to make sure that 100 years from now it remains as near as possible in its natural state," Harmon said.

Hundreds of BLM employees can take credit for their work in the agency's wilderness study process, including the current state wilderness coordinators. Besides Harmon, they are: Sue Richardson, Arizona; Jeff Jarvis, California; Eric Finstick, Colorado; George Nelson, Idaho; Gary Leppart, Montana; Dave Wolf, Nevada; Dave Mensing, New Mexico; Greg Thayn, Utah; and Wayne Erickson, Wyoming.

Those deserving recognition at the BLM national level are Keith Corrigan, who provided leadership for the agency's effort, and three key BLM Washington wilderness staffers: Gary Pavcek, Hal Hallett and Rob Hellie. ■

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BLM Unveils Wild Horse and Burro Plan

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The BLM unveiled a new draft plan for managing wild horses and burros on federal lands during a January meeting of the Wild Horse and Burro Advisory Board. The plan calls for increased habitat management, improved population control methods, and more intensive adoption efforts. The strategy is aimed at controlling wild horse and burro populations while ensuring humane treatment of the animals.

At the meeting, Jean Lujan, wife of Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan and newly chosen spokeswoman for the BLM's wild horse and burro program, spoke on the urgent need for private care of these free-roaming animals.

"Today's population of horses and burros on BLM lands exceeds 50,000," she said. "The agency estimates that

the current population is about 20,000 more than the public lands can sustain. So there's a crying need for adoption by private citizens who love horses and burros."

Through its Adopt-a-Horse-or-Burro Program, the BLM has placed more than 105,000 animals in private care since 1973.

The advisory board, which makes recommendations to the Interior and

Agriculture departments, represents a wide variety of interests including humane associations, ranching and wildlife interests, range ecology and management interests, as well as veterinary science.

The BLM will incorporate any additional recommendations made by the advisory board before its plan becomes final. ■



Third graders learn about the wild horse and burro program from volunteer trainer Buck Adams and his wife Mary, seated on the horse. Jean Lujan, spokeswoman for the BLM's wild horse and burro program, calls for increased private care for the animals, which are seen as legacies of the Old West.

South Dakota Sanctuary Loses 17 Wild Horses To Exposure

National News Stories Exaggerated Losses, Jamison Says

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Fifteen wild horses died in a New Year's Eve accident after breaking through the ice on a creek on the Mustang Meadows portion of a South Dakota sanctuary. Two others died the next day. The incident occurred as the sanctuary operator was herding about 400 horses from one part of the pasture to another.

The BLM and local animal health officials investigated the matter and, contrary to news reports, found no evidence that the horses had died from starvation or neglect, or that they had been stranded by high water.

"We regret that horses were lost. The BLM takes great pride in caring for this American legacy."

—Cy Jamison

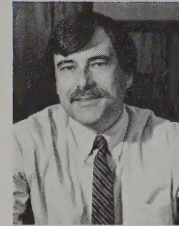
BLM Director Cy Jamison took issue with a Jan. 9 account of the incident on the CBS Evening News, which reported that "as many as 30 wild horses have died of starvation and about 100 more are stranded inside their sanctuary, surrounded by water from melting snow."

In a Jan. 17 letter to CBS, Jamison noted that 17 horses had died from exposure or other causes related to the incident. The Director also pointed out that the horses had not died of starvation and had not been stranded.

"The BLM found that the sanctuary operator did not act improperly," Jamison said in his letter. He added, "We regret that horses were lost. The BLM takes great pride in caring for this American legacy and wants to make sure the public understands the facts surrounding this unfortunate accident. We hope that in the future CBS will work with the BLM to ensure that information about BLM programs is accurate." ■

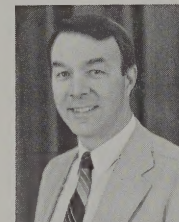
BLM People

Steve Robinson was recently named director of the Boise Interagency Fire Center (BIFC). As director, Robinson will play a significant role in BIFC's expansion, which will include responding to all types of natural disasters, not just wildfires. Robinson previously worked as deputy assistant director for Lands and Renewable Resources in the BLM's Utah office. As part of the BLM's recent downsizing efforts, the Washington Office Fire and Aviation Management Division and Law Enforcement staff have relocated to Boise, Idaho.



Steve Robinson

Francis D. Eickbush was recently named chief of the BLM Division of Cadastral Survey. A 25-year veteran of Cadastral Survey, he began his career with the BLM as a seasonal surveying aide while attending college. His tenure with Cadastral Survey has taken him through Wyoming, Eastern States, Washington and California. Most recently he was station chief of the Alaska State Office. A native of Wyoming, he holds a B.S. in Agriculture from the University of Wyoming. Eickbush replaces Bernard Hostrop, who retired in August after a 17-year career with the BLM.



Francis D. Eickbush

Denise Meridith, director of the BLM's Eastern States Office, was recently honored by her alma mater, Cornell University. Meridith was one of six recipients presented with the university's distinguished Young Alumni Achievement Award for significant contributions made in her field. Out of 37,000 alumni from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, only 54 people have received the award.



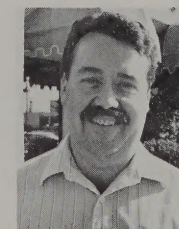
Denise Meridith

Bill Hansen has recently been elected president of the Montana Geological Society. Hansen joined the BLM in 1983 and worked as a petroleum geologist until 1989 when he was transferred to the Reservoir Management and Operation Section in Montana. As a minerals resource specialist he has been involved in several resource management plan amendments and represented the BLM at the International Geological Congress held in Washington, D.C., in 1989.



Bill Hansen

Ron Hooper, a riparian specialist for the BLM's Arizona State Office, was recently elected the first president of the Western States Riparian Council, created in Nov. 1991. Hooper, a member of the Arizona Riparian Council, says his election is "a golden opportunity to promote riparian area conservation." The council's goals include promoting understanding and consensus among state organizations and encouraging riparian groups in states where none exist.



Ron Hooper

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ALASKA**New BLM Employees**

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 Brian Bogaczyk, Botanist, Steese/White Mt DO

Reassignment/Promotions

Ronnie Alston, Supv. Supply Mgmt. Rep., SO
 George Jarret, Pers. Staff. Spec., SO
 Brian Lubinski, Fish. Biol., St./ White Mt DO
 Sue Michael, Budget Anal., SO
 Bruce Ogonowski, Land Surv., SO
 Lois Simenson, Supv. Land Law Exam., SO
 Susan Steinacher, Res. Interp. Spec., Steese/
 White Mountain DO
 Thor Weatherby III, Elec. Mech., AK Fire Svc
 David Yokel, Wildlife Biol., Arctic DO
 Connie Teffeteller, Pers. Class. Spec., SO
 Ronal Smith, Pers. Mgmt. Spec., SO
 Richard Bouts, Supv. Land. Archi., Steese/White
 Mountain DO
 Susan Flora, Envir. Sci., Arctic DO
 Jon Kehler, Land Surv., SO
 Jerry Lewis, Land Surv., SO
 Don Pino, Pos. Class. Spec. to Comp. Spec., SO
 Ramouna Sandbo, Supv. Gen. Supply Spec.,
 AK Fire Service
 Steven Schmitt, Land Surv., SO

Retirements

Robert Arndorfer, Supv. Land Surv., SO
 Patricia Bower, Realty Spec., SO
 Ernest Moss, Electrician, SO
 Charles Haddox, Carto. Tech., SO

Separations

Mary Leykom, Natr. Res. Spec., Kobuk DO

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Reassignments/Promotions

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 Lake RAO
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 Patrick Durlan, Fire Mgmt. Spec., SO to Boise
 Garth Jeffers, Supv Range Tech., Surprise RAO
 James Keeler, Otdr. Rec. Plnrm., Ridgecrest RAO
 Alfred Wright, AM, Ukiah DO to Assoc. SD
 Daryl Albriston, Supvy Rec. Mgmt. Spec., Calif
 Desert DO

Retirement

Adrian Swensen, Forester, Ukiah DO

COLORADO**New BLM Employees**

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 Springs RA

Reassignments/Promotions

Krag Kauffman, Statist., Uncompahgre RA to
 Range Con., Montrose DO
 Jeff Olson, Geol., Rawlins DO, to San Juan RA
 Margaret Wyatt, Archeologist, Boise DO, to
 Supv. Natural Res. Spec., Glenwood Springs RA

Separations

Gary McFadden, Natural Res. Spec., Royal
 Gorge RA

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 Sharon Paden, Project Spec., SO

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 Steve Popovich, Botanist, Shoshone DO

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 James Klott, Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., Burley DO
 to Boise DO
 Larry Dill, Criminal Inv., WO to SO
 Steven Jirik, Range Con., Oregon to Boise DO
 Jay Carlson, Supv. Natural Res. Spec., Oregon
 to Area Mgr., Boise DO

Robert Clark, Fire Mgmt. Spec., WO to Supv.
 Natural Res. Spec., SO

Cynthia Parker, Comp. Oper., Montana to Comp.
 Sys. Anal., Burley DO

Thomas Dyer, Plng & Envir. Coord., Idaho Falls
 DO to Area Mgr., Burley DO

Separations

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 als Res. Spec., Roswell RA
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Roy Masinton, Natural Res. Spec., Alaska SO to Fishery Biol., SO
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Retirements

A.S. Branson Jr., Envir. Prot. Spec., Oklah. RA
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Separations

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NEVADA

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Kenneth Mann, Civil Eng, Winnemucca DO

Reassignments/Promotions

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Edward Slagle, Geologist to Envir. Prot. Spec., Battle Mtn DO
Joan Sweetland, Public Afrs. Spec., WO to Carson City DO

Retirements

Victor Grover, Wildlife Mgmt. Bio, Battle Mtn.

Separations

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Dale Rumel, Range Tech, Winnemucca DO

OREGON

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Heather Smith, Comp. Spec., SO
Bruce Rittenhouse, Botanist, Coos Bay DO

Reassignments/promotions

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Jon Bisson, Forestry Tech., Salem DO
Stephen Brownfield, Forester, Salem DO
Leland Johnson, Supv Ops. Spec., Salem DO
James Leffmann, Sup. Outdoor Rec. Plnr., Medford DO
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William Bartlett, Supv RangeTech., Prinev. DO
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Jack Mononi, Range Con., Worland DO
Darla Pindell, Industrial. Econ., SO
David Stimson, Ranger, Worland DO
R. Garth Taylor, Industrial. Econ., SO
Steven Wright, Mining Engr., SO

Reassignments/Promotions

Thomas Carroll, Wildlife Mgmt. Biol., ESO to Botanist, SO
Martin Griffith, Soil Sci., Montana, to Phy. Sci., SO

Tom Hare, Supv. Min. Res. Spec., New Mexico, to Worland DO
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Richard Schuler, Natural Res. Spec., Colo. to Phy. Sci., SO

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Separations

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Retirements

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Retirements

John Baker, Supv. Natural Res. Spec., Div. of Res. Svcs.
William Battle, Contract Spec., Div of Admin. Svcs.

Separations

Patricia Arnone-Damon, Comp. Spec., Div. of Sys. Oprs.
Laurene Hothem, Contract Spec., Div. of Admin. Svcs.
Jeffrey Uhlich, Comp. Equip. Anal., ALMRS/Modernization Project

Interior Secretary Honors BLM Volunteer

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A Sacramento woman was recently honored by Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan for her work as a BLM volunteer and for her involvement with California's Hispanic community.

Elia Weiss donated more than 500 hours to the BLM to translate a new natural resources educational video tape series into Spanish. The series is designed to teach young people about the important role natural resources play in the lives of all Americans. It consists of eight programs covering protection of resources, cultural resources, recreation, minerals, special areas, rangeland resources, alternative energy, and the desert tortoise. The video package has been delivered free to more than 900 high schools and colleges in California. In addition, feature articles have appeared in *Science the Teacher* magazine and the



Volunteer Elia Weiss receives praise from Interior Secretary Manuel Lujan, who called her contributions to the BLM and to the Hispanic community "outstanding."

California Teacher's Association monthly publication, *Action*.

"We are overwhelmed with the response from educators," said BLM State Director Ed Hastey. "Several instructors told us that these are the best Spanish language materials they have ever received, and requests for information are pouring into the office."

Weiss was born and raised in Mexico City, Mexico, and learned English as a child by attending American schools in her country. She has served as a bilingual secretary, and has volunteered for several jobs, including tutoring Spanish for a local high school.

"I think it's important to volunteer," says Weiss. "I encourage people to take an interest and help people in the community."

She adds that she intends to continue her work with the BLM, and to devote one day a week to another organization needing Spanish translation. ■

Editor's note: This video package, developed in coordination with the California Department of Education, was originally released in English to more than 1,500 high schools and colleges in California, and has proven to be quite popular. For more information on the series, contact the BLM's California State Public Affairs Office.

1992 Appointments Named to National Public Lands Advisory Council

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Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan recently announced seven appointments to the National Public Lands Advisory Council. The 21-member council advises the secretary and the BLM director on national-level policies and programs for public lands and resources under BLM jurisdiction.

"Our Council's collective background is as expansive as our wealth of natural resources," said BLM

Director Cy Jamison. "And this year, we have another exceptional group joining the Council."

Council members serve 3-year staggered terms. Each year, seven positions are open for nomination. This year, six new members will join the Council, and one current member, James Bowns of Cedar City, Utah, has been reappointed for a third consecutive term. Bowns has served as chairman of the Council since 1991. He is a professor of Range Science at Southern Utah State College.

The six new members are:

William Tilden of San Bernardino, Calif., chairman of the Lands and Minerals Committee of the California Mining Association. Tilden also serves the mining community as chairman of the Desert Conservation Institute.

Honorable James Abdnor of Rapid City, S.D., who has held numerous public offices at the state and federal levels including State

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Coos Bay District Home to Champion Coast Douglas Fir

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Once again, Oregon is home to the nation's biggest coastal Douglas fir tree, towering 338 feet above the BLM Coos Bay Tioga Resource Area.

Oregon ranks as one of the leading locations for big trees. Currently there are 51 champions in the state, 11 of which are co-champions sharing the title with fellow firs.

Discovered almost a decade ago by Hank Williams, a Western Oregon logger who was elk hunting at the time, the tree's existence came to the BLM's attention only last year when Williams registered it with the American Forestry Association (AFA). The tree measures 34 feet around at chest height and has an average crown spread of 60 feet. Crown spread is the diameter across from one side of the tree to the other, forming a canopy of branches.

A tree in Olympic National Park in Washington State was previously registered as national champion and

for a short time shared the title with Oregon's most recent find. According to the AFA scale of measurement, if trees score within five points of each other, they are listed as co-champions. However, the Oregon tree was remeasured using the special scoring system set forth by the AFA. The sum of a tree's circumference, height, and one quarter of the total average crown spread is equal to "points" by which a

tree is judged. Oregon's fir outscored Washington's by almost 15 points.

Ron Anderson, a resource operations manager in the Tioga Resource Area, said the newest champion is only about 30 feet short of the tallest tree in the world, a California Redwood. Anderson estimates the tree's age to be approximately 500 years old. "It's really impressive," he exclaimed.

BLM's Coos Bay District has produced a map and official instructions on how to locate the tree. A 30- to 40-minute overland hike through steep terrain and old growth forest is necessary—a very worthwhile effort, Anderson says. ■



Ron Anderson measures the circumference of Oregon's champion coast fir in BLM's Coos Bay District—34 feet at chest height.

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Representative, Lieutenant Governor, U.S. Representative, and U.S. Senator. Currently, he farms and ranches livestock in Lyman, South Dakota.

Manuel "Rudy" Pacheco of Taos, N.M., who has been involved in ranching, real estate and mineral development for over 30 years. Pacheco presently serves as New Mexico State Coordinator for "People for the West," a grass-roots coalition

supporting multiple-use management of natural resources.

Diane Hinton of Phoenix, Ariz., chief counsel of the Land and Natural Resources Section of the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

Robert Adams of Valley Center, Calif., owner of Adams Properties, and a long-time board member of San Diego's Natural History Museum and the Zoological

Society's Wild Animal Park.

James Little of Emmett, Idaho, member of the Idaho Public Lands Committee, and a delegate to the National Cattlemen's Association Public Lands Committee.

The Council presently has four task force groups that focus on BLM issues related to rangeland, recreation, management of hazardous waste on public lands, and mining issues. ■

BLM News Briefs

Heritage Education Initiative Launched

The BLM is launching *Heritage Education*, an ambitious and unique education initiative that will use the BLM's rich historical and archaeological resources as a vehicle to educate school children and to strengthen their sense of personal responsibility for the stewardship of America's cultural heritage. Through special curriculums designed to increase math, science and reasoning skills, the program will encourage children to appreciate and care for historic and archaeological resources. The program will draw on outside support through partnerships and agreements with schools, government and industry. 1992 plans include an educational video featuring the



The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles will serve as spokesmen for the program.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and two articles in *Science and Children*, a professional magazine for science teachers. ■

Historic Pompeys Pillar Purchased

Pompeys Pillar, a 366-acre site about 28 miles northeast of Billings, Mont., that shows the only remaining physical evidence of the 1806 Lewis and Clark Expedition, has been acquired by the BLM. On July 25, 1806, on his return journey, Captain William Clark stopped near the 200-foot outcropping, named it "Pomp's

Tower" after the son of Sacajawea, an Indian woman who served as his guide and interpreter, and carved his signature into the rock. Historians changed the name, but Clark's signature remains today. ■

—Jody Hauser, Montana State Office



*Pompeys Pillar in Montana—
"A winner for the BLM and
the American public," says
BLM Director Cy Jamison.*

Four Corners Heritage Council Formed

The Governors of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah signed a cooperative agreement in January forming the Four Corners Heritage Council to bring together area agencies, Indian tribes, local communities and the private sector interested in managing and promoting cultural resources.

Federal agencies, including the BLM, National Park Service, Soil Conservation Service and the Forest Service, will participate through supplemental agreements with the Council. The Council will consist of 12 members appointed by the Governors and will have the power to hire staff and consultants, and accept the services of tribal, state, federal or municipal personnel. It will emphasize cultural resource management, conservation and protection and will work to increase public involvement. Other goals of the council are to provide increased economic development opportunities and to foster partnerships among public agencies, private landowners and Indian tribes. ■

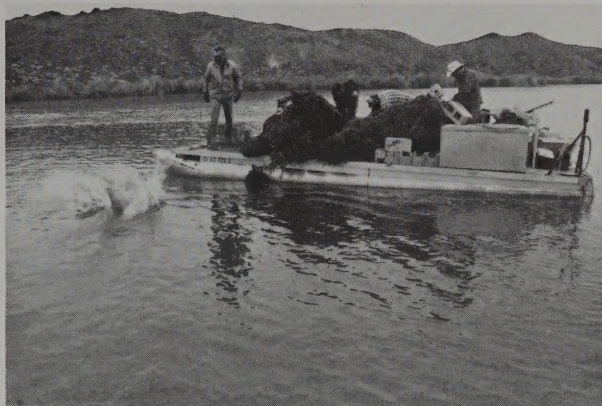


Christmas Trees Put To Work For Wildlife

Bluegill, largemouth bass, tilapia and channel catfish in Squaw Lake and Lake Havasu on the lower Colorado River have more than 5,000 new Christmas trees to call “home,” thanks to a team effort of the BLM, the Arizona Game and Fish Department and volunteers from local fishing clubs.

Yuma District’s annual Christmas Tree Fish Habitat Improvement Project began in 1988 and has become a popular tradition of the Christmas season ever since. Fish populations have steadily increased and recreational fishing has been enhanced as a result of this 5-year effort.

Each year, thousands of trees are bundled into small groups, loaded onto pontoon boats and transported to designated backwater areas where they are tied to concrete blocks and tossed



At the drop site, Christmas trees are tied to concrete blocks and tossed overboard.

overboard. They quickly sink to the bottom where they provide protected areas for fish.

“The lower Colorado is a great place to fish, and we’ve gotten great results with our fish habitat projects,” said Yuma District Manager Herman Kast. “We get outstanding support

from the local bass clubs each year, who work long and hard to bundle and sink the trees—they’ve seen firsthand the difference these projects make.” ■

—Jeanette Davis, Yuma District

Editor’s note: Another use for Christmas trees was reported by the BLM-Oregon’s Vale District. There, crews ferried more than 700 old Christmas trees to the Henry’s Gulch area for the second year in a row. The trees will be used to stabilize the eroded gully and will provide habitat for small animals and birds.

Riparian Area Acquired in Idaho

A 132-acre tract of land located along the Big Wood River in Idaho was recently purchased by BLM’s Shoshone District.

The land is rich in natural resources and is a significant opportunity to preserve an important riparian resource. The parcel is home to a cottonwood riparian forest, native rainbow trout, and the Wood River sculpin, a non-game fish.

An estimated 3,000 mule deer migrate twice each year through this pristine corridor on their way to winter and spring range. ■



—Marty Sharp, Shoshone District

Cowabunga!



The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles overtake the "Foot" clan just in time to keep them from stealing valuable artifacts from the public lands. The scene is from a BLM educational video produced in Hollywood which will soon be distributed to schools across the country. It is part of the BLM's new Heritage Education program. ■
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Alaska BLM Technical Papers Fill Information Gap

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When natural resource professionals conduct field studies, gather field data, or analyze data, the information usually surfaces some years later in a resource management plan.

But Alaska BLM has found a way to get this information into the hands of the public much earlier by producing technical or open file reports as soon as the data are available.

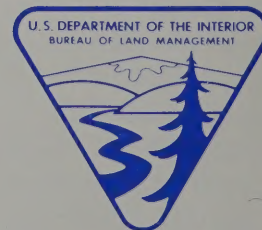
"Technical papers are the best way to preserve the results of a lot of expensive studies," explains Deputy State Director for Mineral Resources John Santora, whose division produced

five open file reports in 1991. "These reports create a permanent record that assures the data will be there for future use."

To date, Alaska BLM has produced 15 technical reports and 40 open file reports covering a wide variety of topics ranging from results of fisheries investigations to waterfowl population studies to a comprehensive reader on the National Petroleum Reserve (Alaska).

"This is a great method of providing timely material for researchers while enhancing the technical expertise of BLM resource specialists, as well as reporting to the taxpayers what we're doing with their money," says Dave Vickery, Alaska public affairs chief.

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